sanctioned during 2001-2002 for Central Financial Assistance of Rs. 145.00 lakhs to be executed by the State Government of Assam through the Assam Tourism Development Corporation. The execution of the project is the responsibility of the State Government Department of Tourism, Government of India has released a sum of Rs. 43.50 lakhs as the first instalment.

(b) An amount of Rs. 382.25 lakhs has been sanctioned for Eco-Tourism Resort at Majuli Island during 2002-03 and an amount of Rs. 325.21 lakhs has been released to the Assam Tourism Development Corporation on 28.03.2003.

Rural Tourism in Assam

4773. SHRIURKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

the actual amount of money for River Front Development along Brahmaputra and Development of Ethnic Village at Bhalukpung during the year 2002-2003; and

the projects for rural tourism in Assam other than Phumen Ingti?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIJAGMOHAN): (a) An amount of Rs. 242.00 lakhs has been sanctioned to Government of Assam for development of North East Tourist Circuit. This includes an amount of Rs. 30.00 lakhs for River Front Development along Brahamputra and Rs. 45.00 lakhs for development of Ethnic Village of Bhalukpung.

(b) Rural tourism project has been sanctioned only at Phumen Ingti for Rs. 46.83 lakhs.

Low Budget Tourists to India

4774. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

the number of foreign tourists who came to the country in 2002-2003;

the State-wise break-up if any, where such tourists went;

whether it is a fact that the majority of foreign tourists are low-budget tourists; and

whether there is any effort to attract economically well of tourists to the country?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN) : (a) The number of foreign tourists who visited India during the year 2002-03 is 2.45 million.

The State-wise number of visits of foreign tourist during the year 2002 is given in the Statement *(See* below).

According to the International Passenger Survey report on Foreign Tourists brought out in December 1999, about 66.6 per cent of the total foreign tourists who visited India were having per capita income of Rupees one lakh or more.

The Department of Tourism, Govt, of India makes all efforts to attract tourists of all segments including the economically well-off to the country.

Statement

Foreign Tourist Visits During the Year 2002

State/U.T.	Foreign Tourist Visits
Andhra Pradesh	210310
Arunachal Pradesh	175*
Assam	4262*
Bihar	164098*
Goa	271645
Gujarat	34187
Haryana	85281
Himachal Pradesh	144383
Jammu & Kashmir	8269
Karnataka	59545
Kerala	232564
Madhya Pradesh	111813*
Maharashtra	949269*
Manipur	221
Meghalaya	3146
Mizoram	259
Nagaland	1200
Orissa	23279
Punjab	8975*
Rajasthan	428437

State/U.T.	Foreign Tourist Visits
Sfldcim	8566
Tamil Nadu	804641
Tripura	0
Uttaranchal	55762
Uttar Pradesh	109464
Chhattisgarh	NA
Jhaikhand	2244
West Bengal	531335*
Andaman & Nicobar	5101*
Chandigarh	952*
Daman &Diu	6569
Delhi	543036
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	415*
Lakshadweep	636
Pondicherry	18585*
TOTAL* :	4828624*

*Figures are estimated.

Legislation for protection of tourists

t4775. PROF. R. B. S. VARMA : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

whether any legislation has been finalized for safety of tourists and providing other kind of protection to them in the country; and

if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) The laws of the land provide for protection to all persons including tourists in the country.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.